information received, only 8-10% of the Special Leave Petitions (Civil) pending in the Supreme Curt pertain to land dispute cases from Southern States. There is no separate category of cases pertaining to builders.

(c) Article 130 of the Constitution of india provides that the Supreme Court shall sit in Delhi or in such other place or places, as the Chief Justice of India may, with the approval of the President, from time to time, appoint. No proposal has been received from the Chief Justice of India in this regard.

Hearing of case in jail

†l687. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is **a** fact that Tamil Nadu Government are going to provide justice to the people by instituting **the** court in Chennai jail itself;

(b) if so, the whether Government will consider to prepare such system all over the country;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that "Prison Adalats" are being held in Chennai Central Jail.

(b) to (d) "Hon'ble Cheif justice of India has written at all the Chief Justices of the High Courts suggesting that every Cheif metropolitan magistrate or the Cheif Judicial Magistrate of the area in which a District Jail falls, may hold his court once or twice in a month, depending upon the workload, in jail to take up the cases of those Under trial prisioners who are involved in petty offences and are keen to confess their guilt."

Pursuant to the above, as per the available information, between 1.1.2000 and 31.3.2000,8083 criminal cases have been disposed of in States and Union Territories under the jurisdiction of nine High Courts.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.